

# ST. MARY OF THE ROCKIES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30AM, Saturday Evening 4:00PM  
Sunday Morning 9:00AM, Weekday Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:00PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening 3:00PM - 3:45PM  
Thursday Morning 9:00AM - 10:00AM

## Adoration

Thursday Morning 9:00AM concluding with  
Benediction at 10:00AM

For weddings, contact the office six months in advance  
Other Sacraments, contact the office  
Religious Education, contact the office

**Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**November 19, 2023**  
**Psalm 128**



## *Mass Intentions*

### Saturday, November 18 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time  
For: Tom Mann (D) By: Friends

### Sunday, November 19 Mass at 9:00AM

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time  
For: Living and deceased parishioners of  
St. Mary of the Rockies

### Monday, November 20 NO MASS

Weekday In Ordinary Time

### Tuesday, November 21 Mass at 8:30AM

The Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary  
For: Gordon Lightfoot (D) By: Sauser Family

### Wednesday, November 22 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr  
For: Charles Ripperger (D) By: Sauser Family

### Thursday, November 23 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time  
For: Derek Weingardt (L) By: Pence Family

### Friday, November 24 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs  
For: Ann Luithly (L) By: Private

### Saturday, November 25 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time  
For: Kott Family (L) By: Friends

### Sunday, November 26 Mass at 9:00AM

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
For: Living and deceased parishioners of  
St. Mary of the Rockies



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,  
Lauren Kott Jorgensen, Rick Timko,  
Chelsea Craver, Alex Young,  
Sharon Fous, Jessica Shaull,  
Melanie Brown, Cas Spokas, Maddie Mann,  
Mary Beth Raichart

We encourage parishioners to pray for our friends and family members. Contact the office with requests to add or remove names, 303-838-2375.

Names will remain on this list for four (4) weeks unless otherwise requested.

*May Jesus, the Divine Physician, restore them to the fullness of life and health and liberate them from all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.*

## Readings for the week of November 19

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;  
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;  
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12;  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;  
Lk 20:27-40



## THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

*"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us." St. Jerome*

We as a family of faith encourage the full and active participation of all members in Worship of our God, by learning about and sharing our Catholic faith and by developing a loving community of care and concern for one another.

**Saturday November 25, 4:00PM Mass**

**EMHC:** Shirley Moroney

**Lector:** Lew Maris

**Sacristan:** OPEN

**Collections:** OPEN

**Sunday November 26, 9:00AM Mass**

**EMHC:** Kathy & Glenn Pence

**Lector:** Tom Karnowka

**Sacristan:** OPEN

**Collections:** J. Merritt

**December Church Linens** - Shirley Moroney

**Counter(s), November 27** - Lew Maris



**Fiscal Year 2023/20224**

**Offertory Budget: \$132,800**

**Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554**

**November 11/12: \$3,105**

**Online Giving: \$688**

**Difference: \$1,239 More—Thank You!**



**2023 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,211**

*Pledged: \$9,149 Percent of Goal Pledged: 99%*

*Collected: \$9,340 Percent of Goal Collected: 101%*



**Saint Who?**

**Saint Paul of Thebes**

(ca. 228 - ca. 331)

Let's be honest: Many of us find prayer, well, boring. We get distracted. We rattle off a litany of wants and needs. We pray for certain people. "Thanks, God, for X, Y, Z." Make the sign of the cross. There. Finished. Wasn't that exciting? Prayer, however, really can be stimulating. Each of us has the capacity to talk with God in a way that is transporting. When you have that, the world pretty quickly loses its allure. And some people are so good at prayer that they renounce a normal life. That's what happened to St. Paul of Thebes, the first Christian hermit.

In the beginning Paul practiced his faith but wasn't particularly religious. When he was sixteen his father died, and Paul and his older sister inherited the family fortune. His brother-in-law, Peter, wanted two-thirds of the estate, leaving Paul one-third. Paul refused and took Peter to court.

Walking to court, Paul saw the funeral procession for a deceased rich man, a well-known sinner. This man wore only a simple linen undershirt to his grave. Paul was dumbstruck. So much for the value of money, he thought.

Paul also learned that his brother-in-law planned to turn him over to the authorities for being a Christian. This was during the persecution of Decius and Valerianus (ca. 251-253). The persecution included torture and killing.

Now, through the centuries, many Christians have actively desired martyrdom. Not Paul. He didn't want to die or suffer persecution of any kind, so he fled to the desert.

There he found a mountain cave near a running stream and a date palm. He wove the palm's fronds into clothing, and he ate its fruit. For two decades those dates were his only food. Then a black raven began delivering a daily loaf of bread. This provision continued another fifty-five to sixty-five years.

One day St. Anthony of the Desert, who lived in the same wilderness, was humbly considering how history would know him as the first Christian hermit. That night God mentioned in a dream that an even older hermit was nearby. Upon waking, Anthony set off to find him. He traveled three days, never sure where he was headed. He simply trusted Jesus to show the way, which he did at last through a she wolf. When Anthony arrived at Paul's cave, Paul invited him in, and a few minutes later Paul's raven brought two loaves for them.

Paul died shortly thereafter. He who had clothed himself in woven palm fronds for almost a century was wrapped in an elaborate winding sheet provided by St. Athanasius, patriarch of Alexandria. After first being buried in the desert, his relics were next taken to Alexandria, then Venice after Egypt's fall to Islamic forces, and then Hungary, where they rest today.

**Why St. Paul deserves our attention and devotion**

After the persecutions ended, St. Paul could have left the desert, but he chose to stay because he had come to love prayer. It put him in God's joyful, peaceful, compelling presence. In short, he found heaven on earth. Paul teaches us to persevere in our devotions. Eventually prayer will become more satisfying than we ever thought possible.

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**The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements, and Its Parts**

**The Individual Parts of the Mass**

*(continued from previous bulletin)*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

The Profession of Faith - *The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily and that they may also honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith. The gathered pronounce the rule of faith in a formula approved for liturgical use and before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist begins.*

*The Creed is to be said or sung by the Priest together with the people on Sundays and Solemnities. It may be said also at particular celebrations of a more solemn character.*

The Universal Prayer - *In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. The petitions may be offered for the Holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world.*

*In any particular celebration, such as a Confirmation or Marriage, or a Funeral, the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion. The intentions announced should be sober, be composed in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community gathered. They are announced from the ambo by a reader or one of the lay faithful.*

*- (continued in the next bulletin)*

*(Excerpted from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)*

**Sacristans** - Sacristans serve the parish in a very special way by carefully making ready what is required for all liturgical celebrations.

Persons who serve in this ministry ensure that all vessels, linens and other items are properly prepared for the liturgy. The time commitment requires 15-30 minutes prior to Mass and 15-30 minutes after Mass once or twice a month.



**My wife asked if I had seen the dog bowl. I said I never knew he did.**

